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Invitation to our Annual General Meeting 2014



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Join us at our **AGM Networking Evening** followed by

The St Albans Business Barometer

A performance review of the top companies in St Albans
Brought to you by Grant Thornton UK LLP

Find out more through a business review
of the leading businesses in the city.

The St Albans Business Barometer will assess the performance of the local business community, providing both a review of economic performance and an opportunity for local business leaders to get together.



BOOK NOW ONLINE

Thursday 27th March 2014 5.30pm

Old Albanians Sports Club

Woollam Playing Fields

160 Harpenden Road

St Albans

Hertfordshire

AL3 6BB

Members £26.50

Non Members £32.00

We look forward to welcoming you to this
event sponsored by

 **Clydesdale Bank**

5.30pm - Registration

6.00pm - AGM, St Albans Business Barometer
- followed by a networking buffet & wine

8.00pm - Close

Forthcoming Events

- **Networking Lunch**
Thursday 13th February 12.30pm
Venue : Lussmanns St Albans
£27.50 Members £32.50 Non Members
Hosted by: Chamber President
SOLD OUT
- **Speed Networking**
Monday 24th February 6pm
Venue : The Bistro, Westminster Lodge
£22.00 Members £26.00 Non Members
Hosted by: June Cory
BOOK NOW ONLINE
- **AGM and St Albans Business Barometer**
Thursday 27th March 2014 5.30pm
£26.50 Members £26.00 Non Members
Venue : OA'S Sports Ground
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Sponsored by : Clydesdale Bank
- **Chamber Meets Chamber Business Breakfast**
Wednesday 2nd April 2014
Venue : TBC
£21.00 Members £26.00 Non Members
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With the Watford & West Herts Chamber
- **St George's Day Lunch 2014**
Venue : Sopwell House Hotel
Friday 25th April 2014
£65.00 Tickets Table of 10 £650
Speaker: To be confirmed
BOOK NOW ONLINE—SPONSORS NEEDED
- **Chamber Business Breakfast**
Thursday 15th May 2014
Venue : TBC
£21.00 Members £26.00 Non Members
BOOK NOW ONLINE
Speaker: City Centre Partnership

All Chamber events can be booked on our website

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INVITATION TO OUR QUIZ NIGHT – Thursday 13 February 2014



This year, Rayden Solicitors is supporting Carers in Hertfordshire as its charity of the year.

Why Carers in Hertfordshire? Almost 10% (over 109,000) of the population of Hertfordshire are unpaid carers supporting someone they know with illness or disability who could not otherwise manage. Many of these carers are children and young people. Three in five of us will become carers at some point in our lives, so most people will know an unpaid carer who may be experiencing high levels of stress, likelihood of physical injury and increased risk of depression and isolation.

Carers in Hertfordshire's aim is to reach as many of these carers as possible, providing advice, learning and self-development opportunities as well as empowering them to have a voice and a life of their own. They also work with children as young as 8 and their families to help find support to reduce the amount of caring the young carers have to do. Young carers tell Carers in Hertfordshire that the most important thing for them is to have trips and activities with other young carers. This break from their caring role makes them feel normal and Carers in Hertfordshire makes sure they can be children and have fun. All the things we take for granted!

As part of our fundraising efforts for Carers in Hertfordshire, our Quiz night with a difference will be returning at 6pm on Thursday 13 February 2014 at Old Albanians Club House, Woollam's Playing Fields, 160 Harpenden Road, St Albans, Herts, AL3 6BB. The quiz will start at 6.30pm.

For those that attended in previous years, the fabulous Rosie Glow is back!

The ticket price of £22.50 per person includes a hot buffet dinner (vegetarian options are available on request), together with two bottles of wine per team. All profits will go to Carers in Hertfordshire. Get a table together (teams of 6-8), join us for a great night and raise some money for a very worthy cause! Please complete and return the order form below.



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Supporting

Name:
Team Name:
I would like to order:



() tickets at £22.50 each and enclose a cheque for £ _____
Cheques should be made payable to Rayden Solicitors. Please detach and return to Lesley Barber, Rayden Solicitors, The Limes, 32-34 Upper Marlborough Road, St Albans, AL1 3UU.



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Networking Lunch
Thursday 13th February 2014
12.30pm
Lussmanns
Waxhouse Gate
St Albans AL3 4EW

LUSSMANN'S
FISH & GRILL



Networking Lunch and Business Card Exchange

The majority of companies join the Chamber of Commerce to network. This informal lunch is an opportunity to introduce your company's products/services to other members and local companies – a chance to make **new** business contacts in this fantastically reliable award winning Chamber restaurant.

Don't Just Join..... Join in!

Welcome drink, Two Course Menu and Coffee included

£27.50 (+ VAT) for members
£32.50 (+VAT) for non-members

Book now online www.stalbans-chamber.co.uk/events





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St Albans Based Agent Wins Award

Matthew Bowen from Aitchison Raffety's St Albans office has won the much coveted Estates Gazette "Deal Maker" Competition for Hertfordshire 2014. This is awarded to the agent who completed the most commercial property transactions within 2013 and is hotly contested. Matthew Bowen based in the St Albans office was delighted with the award commenting "it was fantastic to find out I had won as it was unexpected. I knew that we had had a very good and busy year in 2013 but the year ended so busily that we didn't really have time to sit back and asses it until over the Christmas period. It is great to see that the number of sales and lettings of properties that I did was so high but 2014 looks like it may be even better so we are concentrating that now. Aitchison Raffety also came second in the company transactions category and this shows how everyone here is performing well as a team and working hard." Matthew works alongside Mark Bunting and covers an area predominantly along the A1, M1 and M25 corridors.

Anyone requiring further information on this or any other commercial property matter is invited to visit www.argroup.co.uk or contact their nearest branch of Aitchison Raffety.





Charlotte Delcore



Sarah Lister Morford

A Chamber of Commerce Networking Success Story!

In A City Deals are a local deal site that can give at least 50% off products and services locally run by two local business women Charlotte Delcore and Sarah Lister Morford who are passionate about supporting local independent businesses, residents and families in St. Albans and its surrounding areas.

They are community driven and believe that InACity Deals will support the local economy by giving their members an incentive to try a local service or product for the first time and bring a loyal customer base to local business and high street. For businesses we provide the most cost effective way of marketing and attracting new customers and returning customers.

How they met

Sarah and Charlotte met at a Chamber of Commerce St. Georges day event in 2012 where Lisa Bates sat them next to each other because she thought they would be a good match. Lisa was right they soon got talking and found out their children go to the same local school and had a number of other commonalities. They met a few more times at Chamber events and sociably and over the last two years got to know each other very well and realised their individual skill sets from previous roles and running businesses would suit working together and they could focus on increase the InACity Deal brand locally.

How they do it

The deals are local independents and not chains, this helps the local economy and small businesses gain a larger client base and recognition rather than being pushed out by the large chains that run most high streets.

If you are interested in getting at least 50% off local beauticians, barbers, hairdressers, restaurants, bars, carpet cleaning, ironing, legal services, property maintenance, golf and lots of other local services subscribe to the website using this link <http://www.inacitydeals.com/subscribe.php> . Subscription is FREE and of course no money is exchanged unless you purchase a particular deal. We will email the deals to you 2-3 times a week and if you are interested you click on the deal and follow the instructions to claim.

We are also very much into giving back to the community and we will be putting on local events to raise money and give a percentage of profits this year to Grove House Hospice.

Contact: Charlotte 07905 893862 Sarah 07866 687042 **Twitter** @Inacitydeals1



Chamber Speed Networking

with a buffet & glass of wine

Monday 24th February 6.00pm at
The Bistro, Westminster Lodge Leisure Centre
Holywell Hill
St Albans
Herts
AL1 2DL



SPEED NETWORKING

The fastest and most cost-effective way to positively promote your business - and it's really good fun!

GET MORE BUSINESS FAST - book now for Business Speed Networking hosted by June Cory of My Mustard. Speed-Networking works like speed dating - only you make lots of new business contacts, not romantic ones!

In fact, you'll make more business contacts in just one evening of Speed-Networking with us than in weeks of what we call ordinary "slow" business networking. It's remarkably cost-effective and gets you great results for your business.

Many people tend to gravitate towards those they may already know at networking events, never getting the opportunity to meet others who could be great business contacts. Come along to this event and meet every single delegate! Market your business effectively and enjoy a buffet and a glass of wine at this superb new Chamber venue. All delegates will receive a tour of the facilities and will be entered into a draw for a free membership Verulamium Spa!

PLEASE BOOK EARLY AS SPACES ARE LIMITED

£22 (+VAT) for members
£26 (+VAT) for non-members

Non members welcome as guests

BOOK NOW ONLINE

<http://www.stalbans-chamber.co.uk/buy-online/events/>

Don't Just Join.....Join in !!!!

New Members

We welcome the following companies to the Chamber:



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A View from the Chamber



What a busy January we had at the Chamber starting with a fantastic business breakfast at the Quality Hotel with the St Albans Film Festival which was yet another sell out!

We have two great networking events lined up for February a networking lunch at Lussmanns Fish & Grill and also Speed networking at Westminster Lodge which we are now doing quarterly.

We are very happy to be working with Grant Thornton LLP UK in Marc, following our AGM which is always very brief, GT will present the ST Albans Business Barometer, a performance review of the top 100 companies in St Albans. The event sponsor is Clydesdale Bank—a huge thanks to David Clarke and the team there.

We will be announcing details of our St George's Day Lunch 2014 over the next week, if you are interested in sponsorship opportunities or taking a table please let us know. This will sell out very quickly as ever!

We will also be holding an event with guest speaker Ed Vaizey MP - Minister for Culture, Communication & Creative Industries on 8th May we are seeking a sponsor for this lunchtime event, there will be more details soon.

We look forward to new challenges in 2014, personally I have embarked upon a tough new training regime with Everyone Active to take part in their first Aquathon! This involves a competitive swim followed by a 5k run ... Why do I always say yes to these things!?

The benefits are some expert coaching sessions in the pool and great training advice from the fitness team too. More details coming soon if anyone would like to join me?

*Lisa Bates
Executive Director*